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Attorney General Frosh Announces Indictment for Double Homicide in Baltimore City

Attorney General Charges Quanta Worrell for the March 2020 Murders of Two Men in Baltimore City

BALTIMORE, MD (March 25, 2022) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the indictment of Quanta Worrell, 30, of Baltimore City, for two counts of firstdegree murder and related charges for the March 2020 homicides of Stephen Sanders and Dimarcus Waldo. Judge Charles J. Peters of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City ordered Worrell held without bond. A trial date has been set for July 8, 2022.

On March 25, 2020, Dimarcus Waldo, a father of seven who was working part-time as a driverfor-hire, gave Stephen Sanders a ride to the area of Queensberry Avenue and Oakley Avenue in Northwest Baltimore. Upon arriving in the area, Quanta Worrell directed Sanders to meet him around the block. When Waldo, still driving Sanders, drove around the block to the 3000 block of Oakley Avenue as directed, Worrell and two unidentified associates ambushed them, firing at least 20 rounds into the vehicle, shooting and killing both Sanders and Waldo. The investigation revealed that Worrell was angry with Sanders after a prior verbal altercation and had warned him not to come back to the area.

"The charges in this indictment detail a cold, calculated ambush of two individuals, one an innocent father; the victims were lured to Oakley Avenue by Worrell and his associates and then brutally executed," said Attorney General Frosh. "The Strike Force initiative enables our office, in collaboration with our law enforcement partners, to rid our communities of some of the most dangerous offenders and bring them to justice."

The investigation was led by the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and the Organized Crime Unit of the Maryland Attorney General's Office. The collaboration between the agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting this case was a result of the federal Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force initiative, a partnership among federal, state, and local law enforcement. The Baltimore OCDETF Strike Force team is designed to target

violent gangs and drug trafficking organizations. This case was assigned to Strike Force Group 2, which is led by ATF and BPD, and assisted by Strike Force Group 3, which is led by DEA.

"I want to thank the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Homicide Detectives, the ATF and the Attorney General's Office who worked to bring justice to the families of Stephen Sanders and Dimarcus Waldo. This ongoing partnership exemplifies our commitment to taking violent offenders off the streets and improving the quality of life for all Baltimoreans." said Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison. "Unfortunately, this case is another example of a disagreement or conflict being escalated into a violent crime because the perpetrators of these crimes resolve arguments with guns. We must all continue to work together to address the root causes of this behavior in order to bring peace and security to the community."

"This ruthless crime, executed with no care or consideration for innocent bystanders, stole two lives," said ATF Acting Special Agent in Charge L.C. Cheeks, Jr. "We are proud to join our partners today in announcing these charges and taking a major step in giving the victims the justice they deserve. ATF remains committed to working alongside our partners to create safer communities for the citizens of Baltimore.

"The Baltimore OCDETF Strike Force is critical to make Baltimore safer by identifying and focusing on those responsible for the most violent crime in our city," said United States Attorney Erek L. Barron. "Joining investigators from more than a dozen local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies we can achieve results like this indictment and reduce violent crime together."

"The Strike Force in Baltimore was created for investigations like this one," stated Orville O. Greene, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Baltimore District Office and Commander of the Baltimore Strike Force. "Putting federal, state, and local agencies under one roof and offering a free flow of information and resources is one of several ways law enforcement can focus on reducing violent crime and bringing those who commit those crimes to justice."

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked the detectives and agents with the BPD and ATF who led the investigation, including the BPD homicide detectives and the Strike Force Groups 2 and 3 detectives and agents, along with Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian and Assistant Attorneys General Nancy Frigo, Krystle Sanders, and Paul Halliday who are prosecuting the case. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. A criminal indictment is merely an accusation of wrongdoing, and a defendant is presumed innocent until the State proves the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Investigators are also seeking to identify two additional suspects who were involved in this crime. Anyone with information that could assist the investigation or identify the additional suspects is asked to contact ATF at 888-ATF-TIPS or ATFtips@atf.gov.